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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY: HOLDER SELLING AND COUNTY HO

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE MAY TERM 2021

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the May

Term 2021, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on

July 13, 2021, it is now,

ORDERED that the said presentment shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of

Superior Court for Richmond County, and that it shall be published once in the Augusta

Chronicle, the legal gazette for said County; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the said general presentment shall be posted by the

Director of Information Technology on the Augusta-Richmond County website for public

access through the Internet (World Wide Web).

It is so ORDERED this 13th day of July 2021.

Jesse Stone

Superior Court Judge

Augusta Judicial Circuit

TO:

The Honorable Ashley Wright

Judge, Superior Court

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FROM:

Richmond County Grand Jury

July Term 2021

DATE:

Bradley Smith

July 13, 2021

RE:

Grand Jury Presentment

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the May Term 2021, having been duly sworn by the Honorable Daniel J. Craig on the 17th day of May 2021. submit our presentment on the 13th day of July, 2021, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

To discharge our sworn duties, as prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia, we met on seven (7) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the District Attorneys Office. The applicable report is attached.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this requests that it is published. Shirley Mickens Rouse, Foreperson	Presentment on the 13th day of July 2021 and Pamela E Browning, Asst. Foreperson
David Blaire Jose	Matter
Paula Elaine Vega, Secretary Lillie June Murphy Lillie June Murphy	Hattie Mary Wilson Malik Kevin Griffith
Lamar Carlton Andrews	Raymond Alvarez-Garcia

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William Chase Spivey	Toccara Celine Shine-Beard
Arristina D. Edwards	S Carol L. Mosley
Robert Lee Ward	Marvell Maurice Johnson
Precious Simons Hill	Kristine Paige White
Chester David Lewis Jackson, Jr.	Lois Ann Jenkins, Alternate
Alletha Boyd Bryan, Alternate	Timothy Dean Brewton, Alternate

SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE JUNE, 2021 GRAND JURY REPORT ON THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

On June 15th, 2021 the Sub-Committee had the privilege of touring the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Jared Williams welcomed and allowed the committee to ask questions and voice our views on how we feel the system works. He then informed us of how the caseloads are divided and distributed. District Attorney Williams is very personable and approachable. He expressed innovated ideas for moving forward and making positive changes to better assist and enhance our community.

The tour provided the committee with a visual concept of the number of cases that are handled based on the amount of files stored inside and outside of the offices. Much of the open space has been converted into offices and file rooms.

The committee agreed that the District Attorney's office definitely has a need for much more storage space, and offices. Over the past ten years since the completion of the building, staff and cases have grown out of the existing space.

The sub-committee's recommendation would be to diligently seek funding for an office expansion in the same building or a second location.

Overall, the tour provided the committee with great knowledge and visual senses of our Attorneys working for us.

The committee is sincerely grateful for this wonderful opportunity and would like to follow-up on the campaign for more office space.

Submitted by Grand Jury Sub-Committee Members